

low as 80 percent of costs avoided, and certainly never 125 percent of costs avoided as the Postal Service is proposing.

I want to emphasize again how critically important this issue is. Universal mail service at a uniform cost to mailers is essential to a sound economy, and it is particularly important to those non-urban areas who must depend on the United States Postal Service. Every year, the United States Postal Service adds 1.7 million additional delivery points to its universal service. This is enough delivery points to be about as big as the City of Chicago. That is an enormous undertaking and it is an undertaking that is enormously important to our country. Many of the people served by the Postal Service have no other practical alternative to the U.S. mail. As this network expands, it must be maintained on a sound financial footing. But that financial footing may be undermined if the Postal Service continues on its present course.

The Postal Service already has frozen 800 capital investment programs that are important to the future health of the Postal Service. The Postal Service's 2001 Annual Report described the impact of this freeze as follows:

The Capital plan is at extreme risk . . . for the second year in a row we will not be able to make the necessary capital investments to meet the growth demands of universal delivery.

Given the present rate proposal, these programs will continue to be frozen, further compromising the future of the Service. Furthermore, withholding \$800 million in Postal Service automation spending will contribute to the unfortunate softness in the economy. For this large postal enterprise to be taking a backward stance at this important turning point in our hoped-for economic recovery will be counterproductive for all concerned.

Because the compromise proposed by the Postal Service would set rates at an artificially low level, we are facing the need for another rate increase in the near future, and that rate increase may have to be substantially larger. Predictably, there will be opposition to large postal rate increases in the future. So, by misallocating postal rates now the Postal Service is setting itself up for even greater difficulties in the future. I am afraid that difficult future is at hand.

I urge my colleagues to take note of this important issue, and I urge the Postal Service and the Postal Rate Commission to reconsider this misguided course of action.

#### MARKING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GENEVA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

##### HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 20, 2002*

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Geneva Chamber of Commerce in Ontario County, New York.

When the Rev. Ninian Remick first assumed the chairmanship of the Geneva Chamber of Commerce in 1902, he and the group had a simple yet important mission: "foster and promote the trade, manufacturing and other business interests of Geneva and . . . to enjoy

upon our people the necessity of a wise and conservative expenditure of the public money."

The Chamber's initial membership of 148 businesses began a bedrock commitment to promoting economic opportunity in the Geneva area and improving the quality of life of the community's residents.

Throughout their first century, the Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce has sponsored a wide-variety of programs and events showcasing the area, and have continually worked to promote and revitalize the city.

Today, under the leadership of incoming chairman Tom Bowers and its 580 members, the Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce is continuing a great tradition of commitment to community.

Mr. Speaker, on Friday, March 22, 2002, the Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its One Hundredth Annual Dinner Meeting, and I ask that this House of Representatives pause in its deliberations to salute the men and women, past, present and future, of the Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce on their proud record of service and accomplishment.

#### A TRIBUTE TO BARBARA HUGHES, 27TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR—2002

##### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 20, 2002*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's most notable women during the month of March and it is my honor to not only recognize women of the past but to also recognize women who are making a difference in my community. While a month of remembrance is certainly not sufficient, I am honored today to pay homage to such women as Eleanor Roosevelt, Sandra Day O'Connor, Harriet Tubman, Sally Ride and all the women of my Congressional District, whose contributions have made a profound difference in the face and fabric of our nation.

In honor of Women's History month, it is my honor to recognize an outstanding woman of the California's 27th Congressional District. Ms. Barbara Hughes of Tujunga, California has been pivotal in the social and economic vitality of her community and I wish to salute her efforts today.

Born and raised in Sunland-Tujunga, Barbara attended Verdugo Hills High School and currently resides on the property which her grandparents homesteaded years ago. She is married to Harry Hughes, the proud mother to three adult children: Michele, Mark and Michael and the even prouder grandmother to her five grandchildren: Justin, Travis, Jennifer, Marshall, and Jaymie.

Her involvement in the community of Sunland-Tujunga has made it one of the most vibrant areas in my district. Through her involvement with the Sun Valley Chamber of Commerce as Executive Director and then as President of its Board of Directors, Barbara has been able to plan and execute community events which have vastly improved the quality of life for the residents of Sunland-Tujunga.

She was a leader in the initial planning stages for the community's neighborhood

council, she helped organize the "Business Focus" group which addresses the current and ongoing business needs of the community, and has been instrumental in strengthening community togetherness through an array of outstanding events. She has served as a columnist for the Foothill Leader and is currently working on publishing a community newspaper for the Sunland-Tujunga area.

Over the years she has been awarded the "Women of Achievement" and "Women in History" honors from the Sun Valley Chamber of Commerce and was recently named one of the Glendale News Press's 103 Most Influential People in the foothills communities.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring an outstanding and extraordinary woman of California's 27th Congressional District, Ms. Barbara Hughes. The entire community joins me in thanking Barbara for her continued efforts to make the 27th Congressional District a more vibrant and enjoyable place to live.

#### AGUA FRIA NATIONAL MONUMENT TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT

##### HON. BOB STUMP

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 20, 2002*

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, on January 11, 2000, President Clinton stood in front of a backdrop of the Grand Canyon and proclaimed two national monuments in Arizona using the Antiquities Act of 1906. One of the monuments created by President Clinton was the Agua Fria National Monument.

There is no doubt that the Agua Fria National Monument has values that need to be protected from encroachment. The Monument spans 71,000 acres and contains two mesas, the Perry Mesa and the Black Mesa. The Monument boasts one of the most significant systems of prehistoric sites in the American Southwest. Yet, the area is located within fifteen miles of the northern-most reaches of the Phoenix Valley. The tremendous growth of Arizona over the past decade has placed additional pressures on this region. With Cordes Junction to the north, and Black Canyon City to the south, the threat of encroachment is growing.

Mr. Speaker, since the proclamation of the Agua Fria National Monument, we have seen a tremendous increase in visitorship, as well as abuse of the lands contained in the Monument. However, nothing in the proclamation ensures the long-term protection of the resources we value. In fact, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) reported that illegal artifact excavation occurred just days after President Clinton issued the proclamation.

Mr. Speaker, today I rise to introduce legislation, the Agua Fria National Monument Technical Corrections Act, to address the management of the Agua Fria National Monument. My intent in introducing this legislation is to ensure that Congress, the State of Arizona and the people of Arizona have a say in how these areas are managed and protected. Specifically, this legislation:

1. Codifies commitments made by the previous Administration that were not explicitly stated in the proclamation;

2. Provides the President with an opportunity to increase the size of the monument to